

PUBLIC WATER FORUM MINUTES

SERIES 5

March 4, 2010

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, attended a Public Water Forum at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers on the 4th day of March, 2010, and notice of the forum was posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. The City of Norman is hosting a Public Forum Series on sustainable water resources for our future to explore long term solutions for Norman's drinking water needs. The public forums are open to everyone with an interest in water and Norman's future. Although this forum is not a regularly scheduled meeting of Council a quorum of Council was present; therefore, a summary of the forum is recorded as required by the Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT:

Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal

ABSENT:

Councilmember Kovach

OKLAHOMA CITY WATER SUPPLY PLANNING.

Ms. Marcia Slaughter, Director of Utilities, City of Oklahoma City, highlighted the City of Oklahoma City 2003 Water Master Plan. Oklahoma City Council through a partnership with 11 other entities, hired Camp, Dresser and McKee in 2007 to conduct a Regional Water Supply Plan for Central Oklahoma, which was complete in 2009. The study indicated the City of Oklahoma City should consider forming a water supply trust to look at a regional solution. This would involve a second Atoka pipeline from Lake Atoka to Oklahoma City including environmental studies and a preliminary plan.

Items submitted for the record

1. PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Oklahoma City Water Supply Planning" presented by Marcia Slaughter, Director of Utilities, City of Oklahoma City

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY STUDY.

Mr. Bryan Mitchell, P.E., Camp, Dresser and McKee, provided an overview of the Regional Raw Water Supply Study for Central Oklahoma. The purpose of the study was to engage in a facilitated process which recognizes the broad differences in group members and allows us to make informed decisions on participation in a regional water supply project with particular consideration to cost and timing.

Mr. Mitchell said the study considered projected demands, supply needs, and infrastructure needs as well as source alternatives. The sources alternatives were relative where the proposed pipeline would access the water in southeast Oklahoma; i.e., Lake Atoka, Lake Sardis, Kiamichi River, Lake Hugo, and McGee Creek. The cost of the chosen alternative would be divided between the participants of the Trust. Currently those entities considering participation in the Trust include the Cities of Norman, Oklahoma City, Moore, Shawnee, Seminole, Midwest City, Del City, Chickasha, Town of Goldsby, and COWRA.

Items submitted for the record

1. PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Regional Raw Water Supply for Central Oklahoma" dated March 4, 2010, presented by Bryan Mitchell, P.E., Camp, Dresser and McKee

COMPILATION OF QUESTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE FORUM.	
Those not answered during the session will be addressed at a subsequent session prior to completion of the forum series.	
1.	<i>Are need projections based on current per capita needs or other means?</i>
2.	<i>How is the City dealing with Indian rights in southeast Oklahoma?</i>
3.	<i>Has the City considered Lake Eufaula as a water source or is Oklahoma City locked into Lake Sardis?</i>
4.	<i>Canadian River Compound – do we own 250,000 acre feet of water rights?</i>
5.	<i>Where can citizens find information relative to endangered species as it relates to water sources?</i>
6.	<i>Has the Water Trust been formed? What is the timeline for Norman to decide whether or not it will participate?</i>
7.	<i>What is the estimated service life of the existing pipeline from Lake Atoka? Will it be abandoned after new pipeline is constructed?</i>
8.	<i>Is there enough water in southeast Oklahoma to meet the needs of Tarrant County, Texas, and Oklahoma.</i>
9.	<i>Is there any resistance from southeast Oklahoma to share water with Oklahoma City?</i>
10.	<i>Has Norman looked to see what it's cost would be to participate in the southeast Oklahoma solution if only 60% of the eleven cities participate in the project?</i>
11.	<i>Explain how you can draw water directly from a river instead of a reservoir? Any restrictions in doing so?</i>
12.	<i>Is there a deadline for completion of the environmental study?</i>
13.	<i>How much water could be saved if the City implemented mandatory water rationing during the summer months?</i>

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor